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South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources  
Mike Cepak, Minerals and Mining Program  
523 E. Capitol  
Pierre, SD 57501

RE: Wharf Mine Expansion

Dear Mr. Cepak,

I am writing to express my support of the expansion of mining operations at the Wharf Mine in Lead, Lawrence County.

As a geologist and one of Wharf's 150 employees, the continuation of mining is obviously in my best interest. That being said, I have greatly appreciated working for a company that aims for stewardship, and the attitude of its workers contributes to this goal. I work with diligent people every day who care deeply about the future of the area they live in and take pride in its protection. In turn, I have taken great pride in being a part of the exploration project that would lead to the continuation of Wharf employees' jobs for seven or more years. Wharf and Goldcorp frequently express their commitment to safety, the environment, and community development with their employees, who are encouraged to get involved and broaden our achievements in these areas.

After graduating from the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology two years ago, I was happy to find a job that would allow me to stay in this area. And the state that I love living in has benefited greatly from Wharf's presence as well. Millions of dollars have been and will be contributed every year to the local government and economy.

I support the Wharf Mine expansion project and recommend its approval.

Sincerely,

Lindsay Chasten  
Exploration Geologist  
Wharf Resources (U.S.A.), Inc.